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ALLIES WON'T PERMIT ACTION COMMITTEES IN BERLIN

Straight Comment By General Lucius Clay

Machines Led To Suicide

Croydon, Aug. 26.—Mr Clifford T. Ashburner, 40, was an accountant who couldn't stand the way his new accounting machines were breaking down, but he managed to relax a little on his vacation, his wife said yesterday.

But in the morning when he was to return to work, Mrs Ashburner found him hanging from the attic rafter.

"He said that the accounts were piling up, everything was in a muddle, machines were always breaking down and there was always a panic in the office," she told the Coroner.

Mr. Ashburner had worked for 23 years at the Royal Mutual Insurance Society and had seemed content until the machines which always broke down were installed last year.

The Coroner said that he would investigate the conditions in the office.—United Press.

Court Sequel To Shameen Riots

Canton, Aug. 27.—Preliminary hearings against the 29 suspects arrested after the Shameen riots of last January are now being held in camera by a special court set up here for this case.

Official information of the proceedings have, hitherto, been scanty, but reliable sources state that only one of the accused has admitted to participating in the stoning of the British Consulate-General. The remaining accused, it is stated, have entered pleas of not guilty.

Witnesses heard during these preliminary hearings are reported to have included the handful of military police guarding the British Consulate-General.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Grave Days In Burma

It cannot be denied that the state of Burma is very grave. Alternate periods of peace and chaos run through her history. The new Burma, independent since January of this year seems to be falling to pieces, with the Communists as the best organised and most forceful element in the country. It is useless now to discuss whether this step should ever have been taken in Burma and independence granted. What may be emphasised is that the British Government gave her the greatest aid to self-government that has been given to any Commonwealth country. And when after the war, the Burmese rejected the offer of Dominion status, they were fully helped and £80,000,000 of the £87,000,000 credits granted them since the war were cancelled. By nature, the Burmese are gay, cheerful, friendly and most hospitable. Politically they are inexperienced and sadly lacking in the right men. The first sign of internal trouble was the murder of the Premier Aung San and seven other Ministers 13 months ago. Aung San had prestige and influence. Had he lived he might have held the country together. His successor Thakin Nu is courageous, a genuine democrat and of unblemished honesty; but whether he has the strength to weather the storm has yet to be seen. His troubles began last November in a violent breach with the Communists. They insisted that all foreign businesses and land owned by foreigners, which are to be nationalised under the new constitution, should be immediately seized without compensation. British businesses in

Frankfurt, Aug. 26.—General Lucius D. Clay, the United States Military Governor, commenting on the rumours that Communist Action Committees were taking over the Berlin City Administration, replied: "Certainly no Action Committees are going to take over the Government of the two and a half million people in the Western sectors for whom we are responsible."

Communist-led demonstrators, armed with axes, stormed Berlin's City Hall today to protest against the "pro Western" City rule while in Moscow the three Western envoys prepared for a new Kremlin meeting which might end Germany's "cold war."

Another Kremlin meeting is likely tomorrow or Saturday, Reuter's Moscow correspondent stated, but whether it will be only with the Soviet Foreign Minister or also with the Soviet Premier is still unknown.

Asked about his impression of the Moscow negotiations, General Clay said: "From the length of time the discussions are going on it looks as if everybody is trying to reach an agreement." He added that he had no information and that as far as he knew all reports of an agreement on the Berlin currency were speculation.

He said: "I have not received so far any official report about an agreement in Moscow or any instruction calling for new negotiations in Berlin."

GENERAL AGREEMENT

Well informed London quarters stated that Marshal Stalin and the envoys have reached a general agreement, during their conference on Monday night, about a currency reform in Berlin, but another Kremlin meeting was needed to work out details.

If this meeting was successful, the Big Four were expected to instruct their Military Governors in Germany to start on-the-spot negotiations.

In Berlin, a crowd of 10,000 cheered wildly and sang the Internationale when 200 demonstrators smashed down the main door of the City Hall—in the Soviet sector—after the threat of disorders had caused the City Assembly to call off its meeting.

The demonstrators sent a delegation to Dr Frederick Friedensburg, the Christian Democrat acting Mayor, to call for the immediate application of the Communist-led Socialist Unity Party's emergency programme—which would cut out the air bridge.

In City Hall, said later that the City Administration would remain in office despite the demonstration. It has a Social Democratic majority.

"CALM" TALK

His talk with the Socialist Unity delegation was "calm" and the City Elders were meeting tonight to decide when and where the next City Assembly should be held, he said.

Herr Karl Littke, leader of the Socialist Unity Party bloc in the City Assembly, announced tonight that the Socialist Unity Party Elders would not, however, attend the meeting.

He denied reports that an "Action Committee" had been set up in the City Hall.

Dr Friedensburg, who received correspondents in his office in the City Hall, said that the City Elders would meet tonight to decide when and where the next meeting of the City Assembly should be held. He added: "My one-hour talk with the delegation sent in by the demonstrators was calm throughout.

I told them that I was in complete agreement with their demand that Western sector Berliners should be free to draw their rations in the Russian sector if they wanted to. But I also told them that it had become clear that Western Berliners did not want to do this."

As the Communist demonstrators were dispersing tonight, anti-Communist Berliners began streaming towards the "Republic Square" in the British sector for a counter-demonstration called by the three pro-Western parties.

The demonstration began at 6.15 p.m. local time. Loudspeakers had been set up on the Square, which lies in front of the walls of the Reichstag, and only a 100 yards from the Brandenburg Gate—marking the entrance to the Russian sector.

NO BANNERS

The crowds mostly made their way to the meeting place singly or in small groups and there was no sign of any banners or organised marching columns, which had been a prominent feature of the Communists.

The anti-Communists shouted "Freiheit" (freedom) after hearing their leaders declare that they would not allow the Communists to control the city.

Herr Franz Neumann, the Social Democratic leader, pointing to the Red flag on top of the Brandenburg Gate, shouted: "You see the flag is flying at half-mast. The Soviet flag will always fly at half mast in Berlin."

He told the crowds, estimated at 15,000: "We have countered today's planned Communist push by postponing the scheduled meeting of the City Assembly."

Herr Ernst Scharnowski, Chairman of the independent trade union organisation, said: "Berlin's democracy will not allow itself to be thrown out of the window by Red Nazis. We are ready to call a general strike if that is necessary to stop the Communists."

WANTS NEUTRAL ZONE
To protect the demonstrators, 150 police stood by, but were not needed. Several hundred police were reported at action stations in the American sector.

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Rescue From Floods



200 MORE BRITISH POLICE FOR MALAYA

Guerillas On Move

Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 26.—Two hundred men recruited in Britain are to be flown out to Malaya before the end of September to reinforce the 300 Palestine policemen now serving with the special constabulary fighting Communist-led guerillas.

Arms for the struggle were promised today as news of fresh conflicts came in.

A Government spokesman said the special constables would train, reinforce and lead the 15,000 auxiliary constables recruited locally.

There would be more ammunition for the constabulary guarding rubber estates and tin mines.

A Government source here said Australia had supplied additional Sten guns and ammunition at Malayan request, and the military were testing for Malayan use lightweight American wireless sets of which Australia had supplies.

GUN BATTLE

Police and troops, meanwhile, captured seven Chinese in a running gun-battle near Kuala Banru, 40 miles north of here, and seized arms and ammunition.

Remnants of a guerilla band who fought a battle with troops and police in Kedah states northwestern Malaya, during August 23-24, were believed to have been seen crossing at 1 a.m. local time today the Malaya-Siam frontier.

A communiqué issued here said "at 1 a.m. local time today, 30 bandits were seen moving out of Cherok Bunting towards the Weng area and crossing the Cherok Batik along a path leading to Siam."

The communiqué also reported two skirmishes with guerillas in Perak.

A Government spokesman described the Malayan Federation today as "incorrect" a report from Bangkok yesterday that British forces might cross the frontier into Siam in pursuit of Malayan insurgents.

DEATH FOR CHINESE

A young Chinese was sentenced to death at Selangor Assizes today for carrying arms. He was the tenth sentenced to death for this offence under the emergency regulations imposed shortly after the outbreak of full-scale guerilla activity.

From Burma, the important town of Twante, at the mouth of the Canal which carries Rangoon's food supplies, was reported safe today after being occupied by Communist guerillas for several hours on Tuesday.

Troops and gunboats raced to the port, 25 miles southwest of Kuala Lumpur, yesterday after insurgents had fired on several launches of the former British-owned Irrawaddy Flotilla Company. Canal shipping resumed today.—Reuter.

Bernadotte's Demand

Israeli Troops Must Be Withdrawn

Stockholm, Aug. 26.—Count Folke Bernadotte, the United Nations Palestine mediator, today instructed his Chief of Staff, General Ange Lundstroem, to demand the Jewish provisional Government to order Israeli troops to evacuate the positions they now hold in the Red Cross area of Jerusalem. Failing that he will ask the Security Council to take action.

A report from the Truce Supervision headquarters in Haifa said that the Jewish military commander in charge of troops holding positions formerly included in the Red Cross area, had refused to withdraw when asked by United Nations observers.

Count Bernadotte instructed General Lundstroem to contact the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sherot, and inform him that this refusal constitutes a serious violation of the truce. The mediator pointed out in the message that he will not make the report to the Security Council until the Jewish authorities have had a chance to examine his demand that they order their troops to evacuate these positions.

TRUCE VIOLATION

Count Bernadotte's personal representative in Jerusalem, Brigadier General William Riley, United States Marine Corps, reported that the Jews hold the Government Arab College and the Agricultural School area which had been under the Red Cross flag.

The mediator's instructions to General Lundstroem, ask him to tell Mr. Sherot, that investigations definitely proved the Jews violated the truce when they started occupying the area held by the International Red Cross and unless they remove the troops, the attitude will constitute a serious incident.

This is the first time since the United Nations observers started supervising the truce that they have been able to determine which party is guilty of truce violation.

A full investigation by a large staff of UN observers conclusively showed the Jews started occupying the positions in the Red Cross held area leading to clashes there, according to reports reaching Count Bernadotte.—United Press.

The resolution came from the National Union of Public Employees which is in favour of extending socialisation to many private enterprises which have not hitherto figured in the British Labour Government's plans.

The motion proposed that the TUC undertake a systematic examination into all the important industries and services still under private control with a view to ascertaining whether the transfer to public ownership, the productive capacity would be improved and labour used more effectively.

"CRISIS PROGRAMME"

In addition to examining the tobacco and brewing industries, the motion asked TUC to look into the control by the state in the reduction of manpower in non-essential industries.

The resolution suggested that once the council carries out its probe, it would call a special conference to consider the entire "crisis programme" which is suggested as an alternative to wage freezing.

With the nationalisation of the steel industry facing them in Parliament—on which the Tories will put up the biggest anti-socialisation fight since Labour came to power—it is extremely unlikely that the Attlee Government would be prepared to argue with opposition to the proposal.

Previous reports said the rebels on Wednesday attacked the Mawchi mines in the Karen Hill tracts and took the mines' area assistant resident captive.

Three Burmese newspapers today reported martial law had been declared in Karen.

The War Office here did not deny the reports but said confirmation was awaited from Karen State.—Associated Press.

BULGARIAN ASSEMBLY TO MEET

Moscow, Aug. 26.—Tass, the official Soviet news agency, reported from Sofia today that an extraordinary meeting of the Bulgarian Grand National Assembly had been convened for next Monday.

—Reuter.

Heat Wave Hits The U.S.

New York, Aug. 26.—The temperature soared to 101 degrees in New York City today. It was the hottest August 26 on record, New York's hottest day of the year and almost the hottest day in the City's history.

The all time temperature record here is 102.3 degrees reached in July 1940.

Eight million residents of the nation's biggest city sweltered. Perhaps the hottest place in the city was the subway system, where many change makers worked in undershirts.

The mercury climbed to 101.2 at Philadelphia, 101 at New York, and 98.2 at Boston.

At Detroit and other big industrial centres, thousands of workers walked out or went home because of the heat, and factories were closed.

But, while most of the nation sweltered, snow fell on Rocky Mountains and covered the Continental Divide.—United Press.

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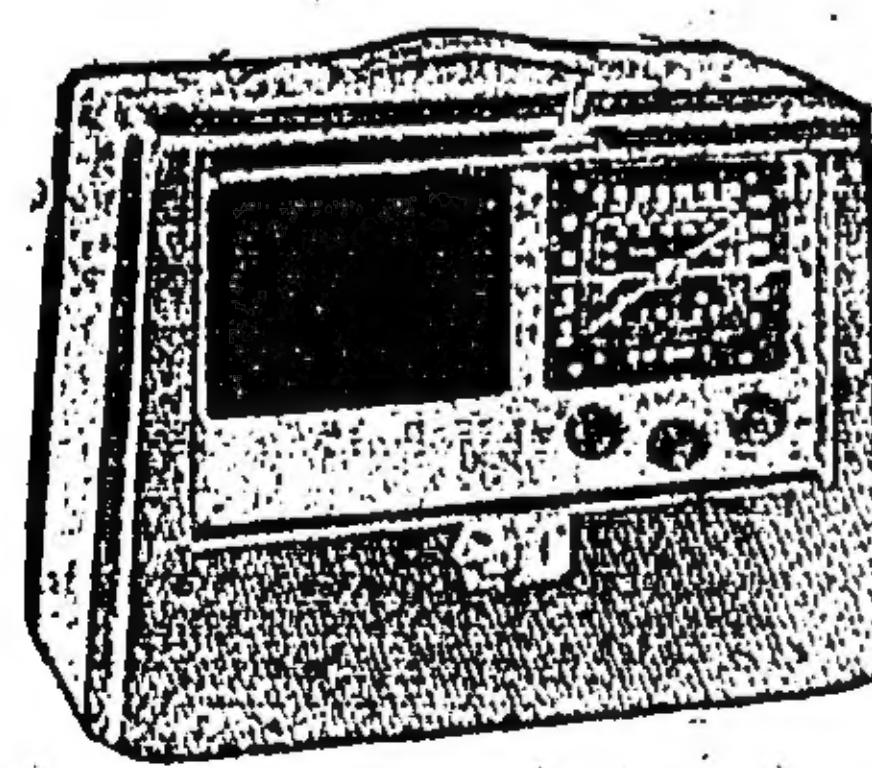
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Fashionable
Footsteps



By GRACE THORNCILFEE

HERE is a trio of shoes out for a summer stroll along fashion lane. First is a powder blue cotton gauze double ankle strap sandal with cut-out heel and a double-strap vamp. The second shoe is a twist around ankle strap in dark brown and white kidskin. Dark brown is the colour of the strap, the heel and the narrow platform. The vamp is nicely draped into the darker leather. The shell opera pump in printed crepe is the sort of shoe that provides an elegant contrast with a solid hued frock.

RED-HEADED GABY
MODELS FOR DIOR

By PATRICIA LENNARD

PARIS.—After a hectic night of shows and heat, Gabrielle (Gaby) Young, latest British model to join the house of Christian Dior, finds herself feted by American spectators.

She will stay at Dior's for six months and then join the top-flight John Powers' Circuit, American model agency, for two to three months.

Pushing back her vivid red hair parted in the middle to the nape like all Dior's models this season with curly over the ears—she said: "It was so hot last night, they had to wipe us down with towels each show."

Gaby, blue-eyed, 30 years old last week, returned from a four month tour of South Africa with a collection of British clothes early this year, then got

pushed back her vivid red hair parted in the middle to the nape like all Dior's models this season with curly over the ears—she said: "It was so hot last night, they had to wipe us down with towels each show."

In Paris on the way to Cannes to convalesce on July 1, she "popped" in to Dior, because I've always wanted to model his clothes and I couldn't come the year before."

18 changes

She was allowed to chase the sun for two weeks and returned on July 15 for two weeks of night and day fittings for the 18 changes of clothes she wears in a parade of 130 models.

The New Look
will live on



Gaby loves the work, finds the strict supervision of models' comings and goings quite schoolgirlish, and exclaims at the typical Parisienne's extreme femininity—"they even wear jewellery on foundation garments."

AROUND THE TOWN

with *Mercia Hillay*

Length "New Look" in white sharkskin with epaulette shoulders and a black fez twined over one eye with white drapery.

Mr. Neil Buchanan, managing director of Neil Buchanan Ltd., arrived yesterday from Singapore with his assistant, Mrs. Marle Connerton. They have been touring Malaya to introduce some of the exclusive English fabrics that have already been displayed here. Mr. Buchanan represents several British fashion houses.

He showed me a very colourful scarf with the five Olympic rings and covered with the names of the competitors taking part in the games.

Mr. Buchanan finds Singapore women very clothes-conscious, but more so in the evening, when "some of the ladies are really exquisitely dressed," he said. He will be leaving for Saigon on Sunday.

Dr. Oswald Cooke, lecturer of Physics at the Hongkong University for over a year, is leaving with his wife tomorrow for Manitoba, Canada, where he will take up a post at the University of Manitoba as Assistant Professor in Physics.

A Summer Social brought about 50 members of the European Y.M.C.A.'s Women Section together on Wednesday to spend a most enjoyable evening chatting and having fun. The ladies voted for more frequent gatherings of this kind, which have been taking place only twice yearly.

"How would you like to join a Charn School?" and "Would you like talks on women's topics and interests?" were some of the questions asked members in a questionnaire circulated for the purpose of finding out what the ladies were interested in and whether they had any ideas or suggestions for improvement of club meetings.

Mrs. A. Bolton, Secretary, was presented with a silver cigarette case as a farewell gift, as she will be leaving for a six-month vacation in England.

Fisherfolk and the landscape on a little island near Hongkong provide endless inspiration for a little known but talented artist who hails from Hanoi.

We shall hear more about Joseph Valente when he gives an exhibition of his work. He hopes to do this in about two or three months' time when he has completed about a hundred paintings.

Smiling Eyes. The girl whom we instantly like gives a smile with her handshake or her simple, "How do you do?" Her lips may not do so much, but her eyes smile right into yours. A smile is attractive in itself, can light up an otherwise plain face. When it is directed right at us, we like it better because it seems a personal tribute.

Moral. Even good grooming is not entirely superficial in its effect. It raises a woman's morale to know that her face is properly made up and that her hair and clothes are correct.

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RED RYDER



KAYODE



By Fred Harman

Keep Count of Calories



Courtesy Du Barry Bazaar School

If you have a tendency to put on weight, avoid marches and fasts; eat lots of fruit.

By HELEN FOLLETT

It. Tea and coffee should be taken clear if you haven't had them that morning. But don't be fancy for a moment that they eat whatever happens to appeal to them. They watch their diet every day. Keeping to normal weight means everything to them; health, good looks, good jobs. And they exercise like mad when they find that the sweater frame has taken on a few extra pounds.

If you would do a little slenderising, don't regard the campaign as a terrible trial. Just take it, day by day and don't think too much about it. Satisfy hunger, then don't take a single nibble more!

Your worst diet enemies are fats, starches and sweets. Fats lend the others. Just cutting down on cream, butter and pastries may make all the difference in the world. Twice toasted rye bread instead of buttered white bread. You'll like

eggs, sea food, vegetables, fruits, fruit juices, buttermilk, unsweetened ed lemonade.

Avoid cereals, sweet desserts, macaroni. Potatoes are not especially fattening; it is the butter or gravy you put on them that gets in the meat.

Take a brisk walk every day. You should do that, anyway, for the sake of your health, your complexion, your figure.

Don't sleep more than seven hours at night, never indulge in cat naps during the day. You must be active so as to burn up the calories you consume. If they aren't burnt up, they stow themselves away in the form of adipose tissue.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Shadows Visit Plymouth Town

—They Meet Some Pilgrims Going to Church—

By MAX TRELL

THERE was a picture on the wall in the playroom, and under it were the words "Plymouth Town." The picture belonged to the children; but since it was in the playroom, all the toys felt they owned it too. It was quite a pretty picture.

You could see a row of houses with high thatched roofs with little gardens on one side of them. Toward the back, there was a brook with a hill rising behind it. And in front, was the sea, sparkling in the sunshine. Yet, it must have been winter time for there was snow on the ground and icicles on the bare trees. Marching down the street, were some men and women, boys and girls, all dressed very strangely—or at any rate, not dressed like people today.

Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, Mary Jane, the Rag Doll, Miss China Doll, and Knarf and Handi, the shadow-children with the turned-around names, all wondered who the people were whom they saw on the picture of Plymouth Town.

Teddy suggested they find out about the Pilgrims from a book.



children were dressed like their elders.

Knarf ran up to a man with a beard, who was leading the rest of the people. Knarf told him who he was, and said he had come to find out who they were. The man smiled.

"We are Pilgrims," he replied. "We are going to church. Not long ago, we landed here from Holland in a ship called the Mayflower. We have built this town of Plymouth and we mean to stay here always."

Knarf asked why they were carrying muskets and the man answered that it was because of the Indians. Then he invited Knarf to come back soon. He said they were going to have a Thanksgiving feast... the first Thanksgiving ever to be held in America.

Knarf found out that the man's name was Captain Miles Standish. Knarf also met John Alden and Priscilla.

Then Knarf jumped out of the picture, back into the playroom and told everyone that he had met the Pilgrims. When Knarf told them that they were invited to the Thanksgiving feast, Teddy the Stuffed Bear asked: "Are they going to have turkey and cranberry sauce?" Knarf didn't know, but when he looked carefully at the picture again, sure enough, under a tree near the edge of the brook he saw a turkey. And that made him quite sure that there would be cranberry sauce too.

Finally in desperation she spied a paper hat, bought it and clamped it on little Linda's head. They climbed back in the car and headed homewards.

For a long time Linda was very quiet. Finally "Grandma" broke the silence. "Well, how do you like your pretty new hat?" She heard no answer so she turned and looked at her granddaughter. Linda wore the most woebegone expression imaginable. Suddenly her little hands shot out, palms upward as she said, "But I haven't anything in these!"

—Hester L. Atletson

WORD DIAMOND

Our diamond centres on George Washington as the first American PATRIOT. The second word is "a tree fluid," the third a "demon," the fifth "to enamel," and the sixth is a negative word:

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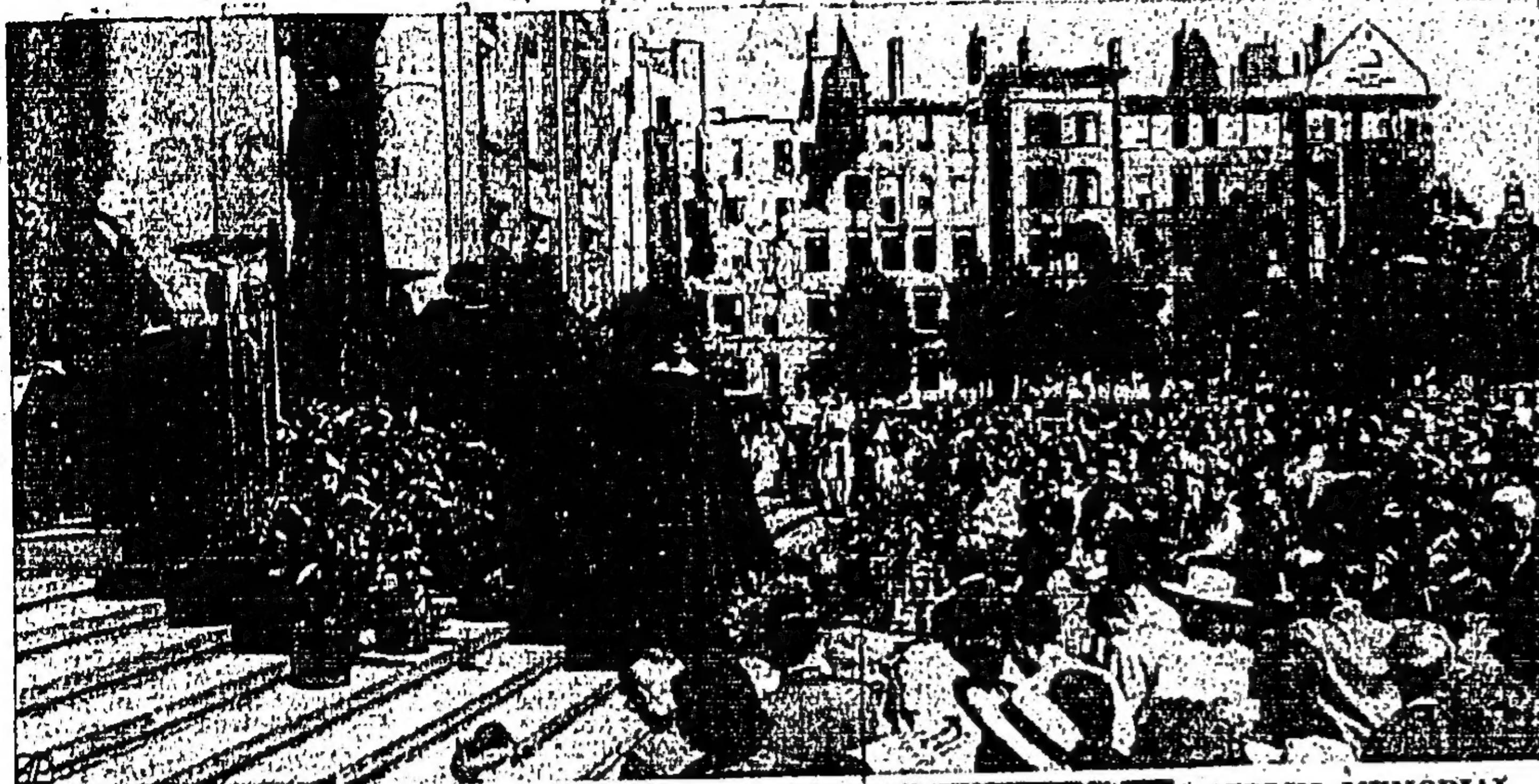
Rupert & Ting-Ling—23



The Mandarin Li-poo welcomes Rupert and Ting-Ling. "Visitors from Nutwood are rare in China," he said. "You are a friendly people, so you shall be free to go where you will." My grandfather will show you what you will." "I mustn't stay long," says Rupert. "but I should like to see your quick way of fishing that Ting-Ling spoke about." "So be it," says the mandarin. Fetching a strong basket with a lid, the boy waves good-bye and the pair set off down the hill.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



BERLIN MEMORIAL
Herr Wendland, burgomaster of the Schoeneberg section of Berlin, speaks from the steps of the city hall to Germans attending a memorial service to five U.S. airmen who were killed while flying supplies to the Soviet-blockaded Allied sectors of the German capital.



ISRAEL PIN-UPS—Looking over pin-ups on a Jewish armoured car door in the new state of Israel are (left to right): Abram Cohen of Tel-Aviv, Alfred Allenbogen of Rumania, Murray Schesko of New York and Joe Blank of Toronto, Canada.



WAR VICTIMS SEE POPE—Pope Pius XII gives a medal to Vittorio Mori, war-mutilated boy, at the Vatican City where he received 100 children of the "House of the Little War Victims" of Milan. All lost eyes, legs or arms in the war.



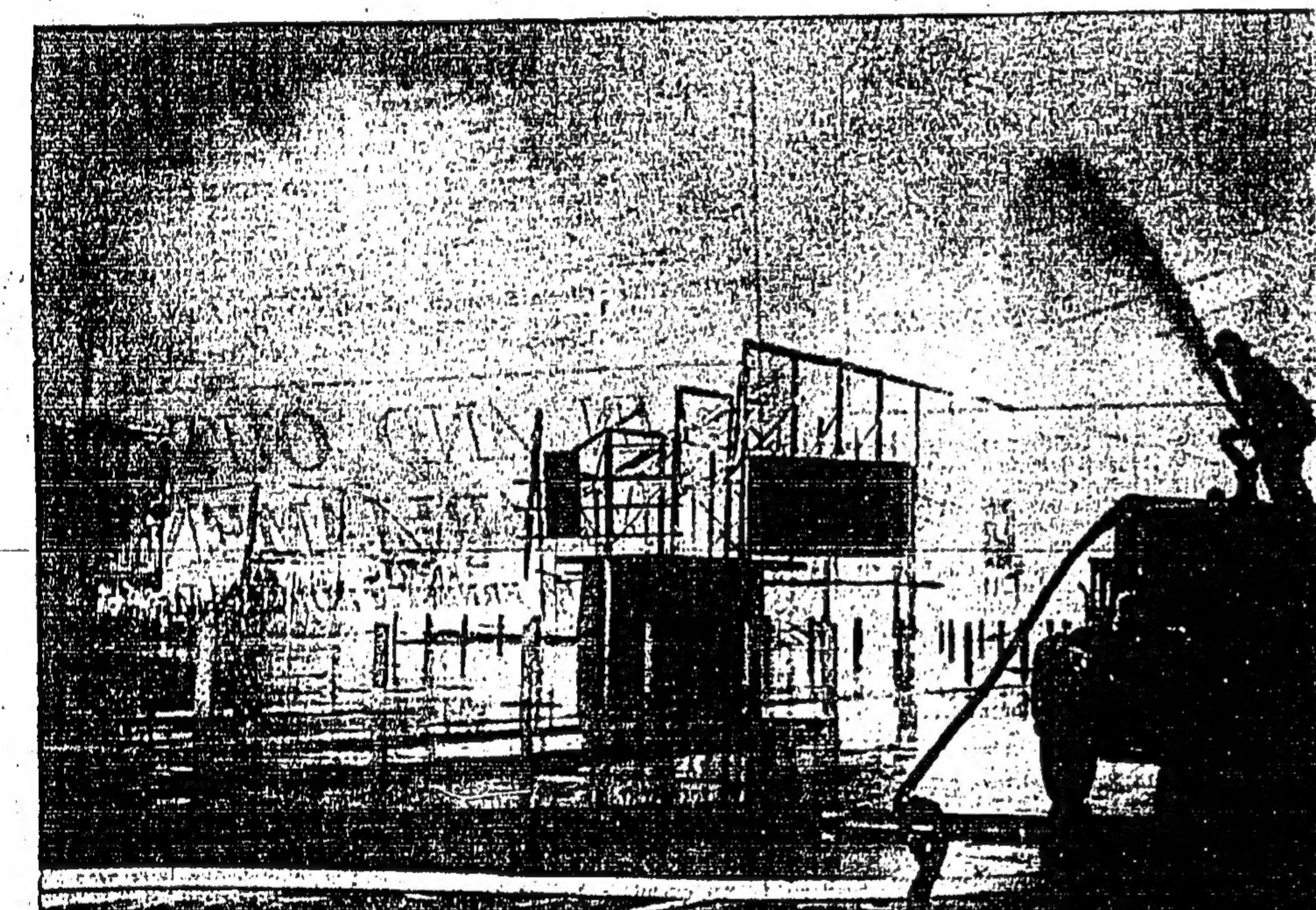
HONAN PATRIARCH—While a Chinese photographer goes through the usual antics of a candid cameraman, this 89-year-old elder of Honan poses serenely. Troops in the background recaptured Honan from the Reds.



BIG SISTER ACT—One-year-old Jimmy Cummings still looks scared after his rescue by "big sister" Patsy, aged four. The youngsters were sleeping in their trailer-home in Antioch, Illinois, when it caught fire. Patsy carried Jimmy to safety.



TWO KNIT AND PURL—Chuckling over a little yarn and a bit of knitting are Marjorie Franklin (left) and Phyllis Young. The movie starlets are occupying their time between scenes on a Hollywood studio set.



A HOT TIME AT THE OLD BALL PARK—Edmonds Field, home park of the Sacramento Salons, goes up in flames along with two nearby houses and two cars, despite firefighters' efforts. Insured for only U.S.\$250,000, the completely destroyed park will cost over U.S.\$1,000,000 to rebuild.

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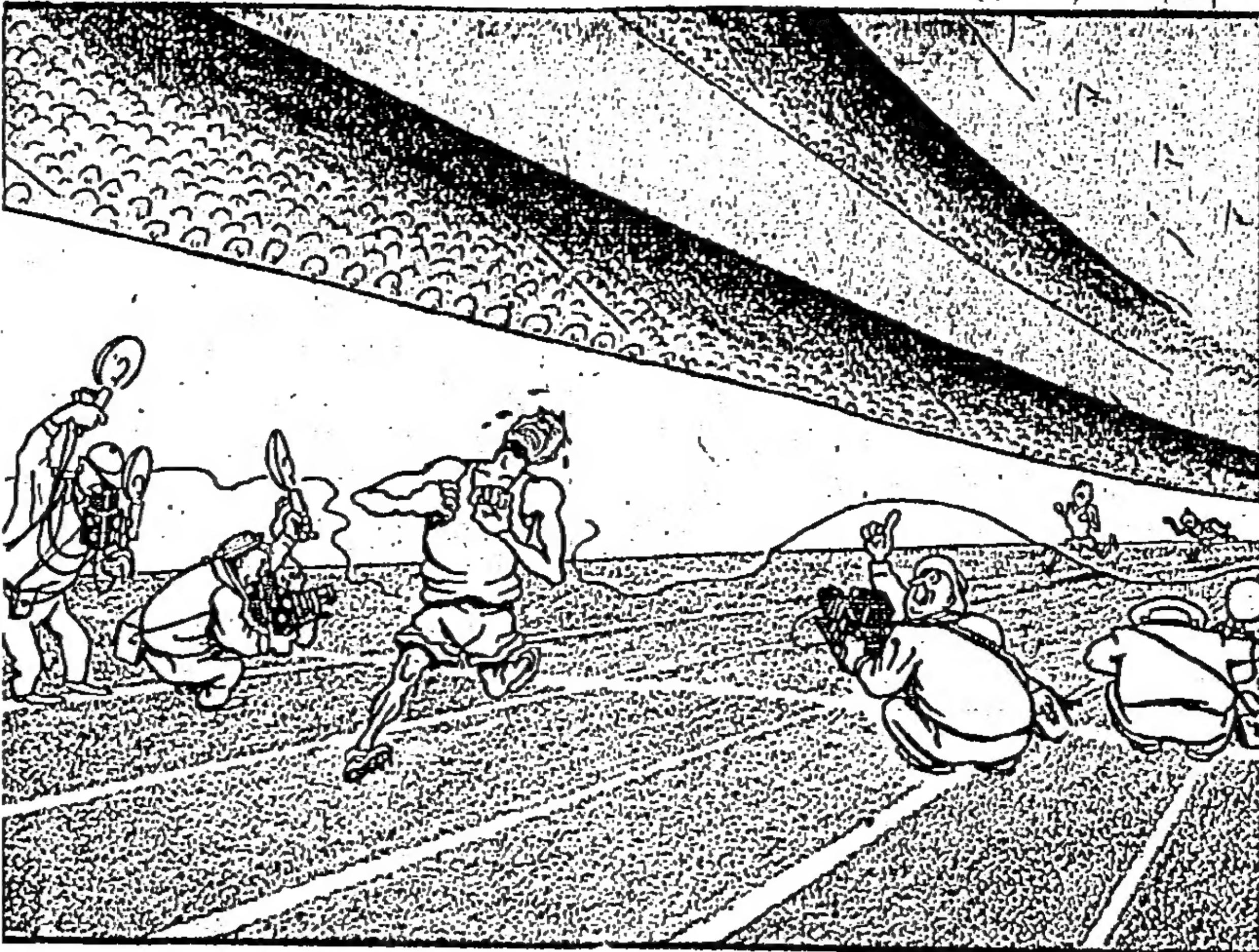


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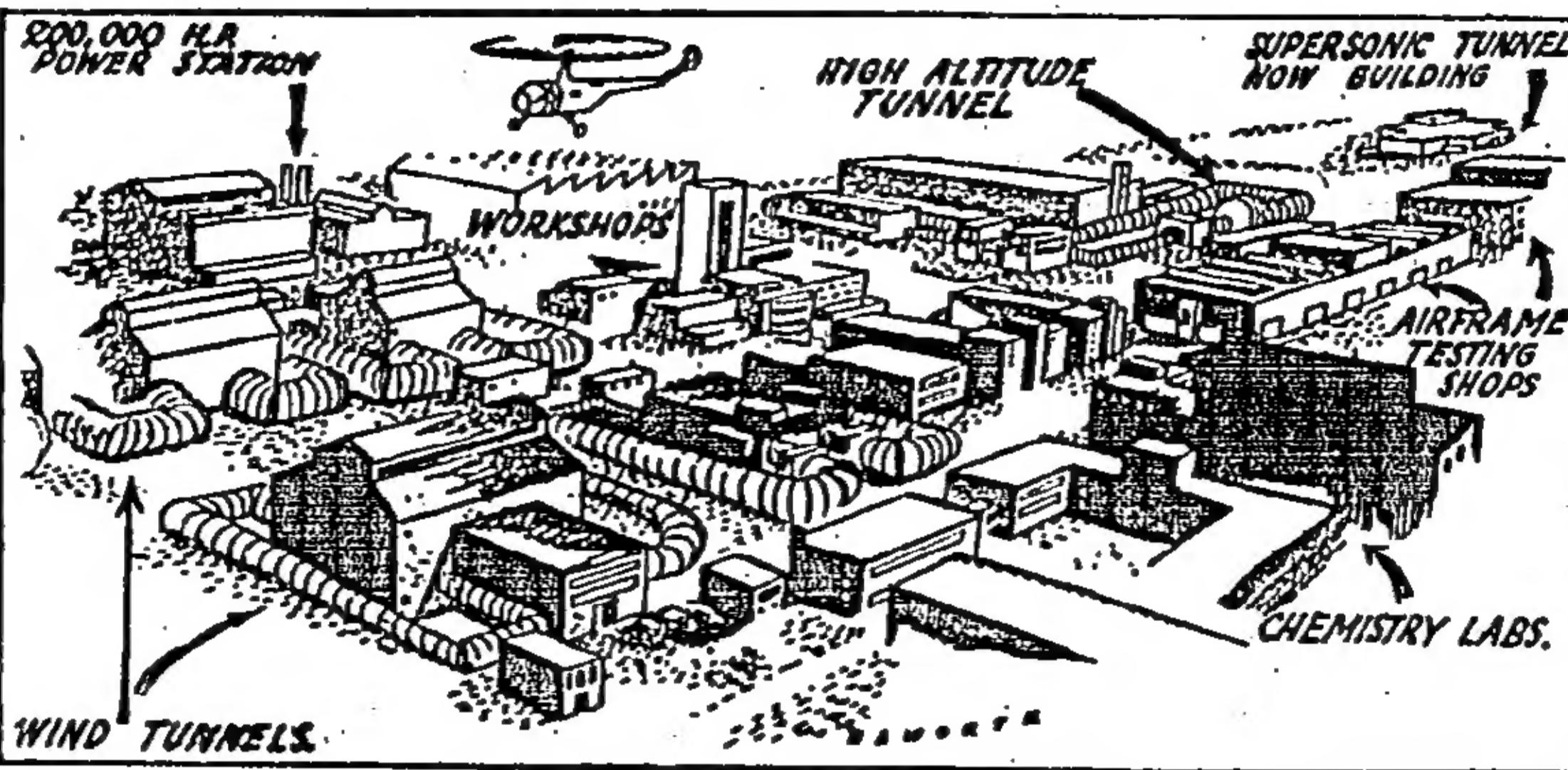
GILES AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES



The Super-Speed Plan is running pretty slow

by CHAPMAN PINCHER

TWO YEARS AGO the Government announced a great scientific project designed to keep Britain ahead in the world race to develop super-speed aircraft. At a cost of £20,000,000 the best-equipped air research station in the world was to be built as quickly as possible near Bedford. This article gives the first on-the-spot progress report, a story of two wasted years . . .



THURLEIGH, near Bedford, Aug. 11. TWENTY-FIVE miles of new concrete roadways wind through the 3,000 acres of fertile country which in Ministerial blueprints are labelled "National Aeronautical Establishment."

At one terminus 50 men are laying a massive foundation for a captured German wind tunnel. In hangars near by a few technicians are servicing great dumps of other Luftwaffe equipment which came as reparations.

That is all.

There are no signs of the laboratories scheduled to be in use this year. The 200,000 h.p. generating station needed to drive the wind tunnels—it could light a city the size of Manchester—is still just an idea.

On the five-mile strip which was to be the world's largest runway, where test pilots could take off and land several times without stopping, farmers are planning their crop rotations for the next five years. The first 1,000 yards of it were to be ready now.

Sabotage

THE German equipment, which was to form the nucleus of the research facilities, has proved tragically disappointing. Nearly every important item was effectively sabotaged before it left the Luftwaffe laboratories at Völkendorf and Göttingen.

The men who dismantled it did not know this. But the technicians on the site here have discovered

that some vital part difficult to replace is missing from each piece of equipment.

Only someone skilled in the use of such gear would have known which part to remove the technicians told me. The sabotage must have been carried out by German scientists.

From my inquiries here I am doubtful whether the project will go through on anything like the scale originally planned.

Officials hint that the main wind tunnels and laboratories may be set up in Australia instead. They give two reasons for this.

1 The 30 main buildings of the station were to be clustered in an area which could be obliterated by one plane-load of H.E. bombs.

2 It would be impossible to test new aeroplanes in strict secrecy at Bedford. Service chiefs have abandoned a plan to put a defence area round the station because it would use up too much valuable farmland.

The 1,500-mile rocket range being built in the Australian desert offers a ready-made solution to both these problems.

Sir Ben Lockspelser, the Government's chief air scientist, has stated that the greater part of Britain's research into the problems of flying at speeds faster than sound—about 700 miles an hour—will eventually be done in Australia.

WHATEVER happens, no important results can spring from the Bedford project for many years. Meanwhile America has gone ahead in the race to fly at these supersonic speeds.

A year ago Sir Ben Lockspelser ruled that because it might be dangerous for a pilot to fly through the sound barrier—the name given

to speeds between 650 and 800 miles an hour—British scientists would first experiment with robots.

Many rocket-powered robots costing £20,000 each have been expended in unsuccessful tests so far. Now the project has been shelved until a new fuel, which will not freeze at high altitudes, has been prepared.

U.S. pilots who were allowed to take the risk have flown through the sound barrier many times. The information they have obtained is being put to immediate use by American aircraft designers.

Where we lag

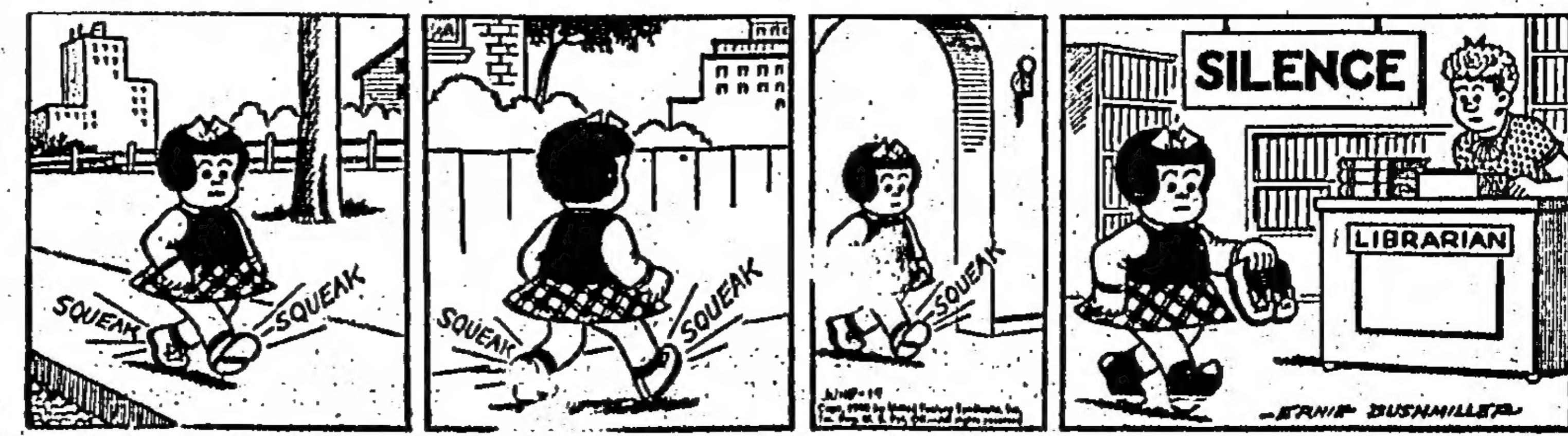
BRITAIN is still ahead in jet-engine research. New work by Government scientists is dovetailing perfectly with ideas worked out by private firms.

But engine design is not the bottleneck problem of supersonic flight. The main difficulties are in the fields of fuselage and wing design.

It is in these research fields—for which the Bedford project was intended—that Britain has fallen behind.

Supersonic flight cannot be pioneered by scientists—however able—working with out-of-date equipment in "a small back room."

NANCY Sh-h-h



By ERNIE BUSHMILLER



American Column

By Newell Rogers

A Sinking Feeling On Shore

NEW YORK.

THERE is bitterness on the waterfront. Ships are idle in their anchorages. Jobs for seamen vanish.

New York's Customs House counted 329 vessels in the port a year ago, 233 of them American. Today there were 236 only—184 American. The wartime U.S. merchant navy of 250,000 men is down to under 100,000.

The men's bitterness increases on reading that Britain is short of seamen, and that the Government has asked every man to keep the Red Duster flying during Britain's trade crisis.

They blame the Marshall aid planners for part of their woes. Freighters are not filling fast enough with Marshall cargo. Washington promises more freight soon.

But when Marshall aid dried up, Washington warns, we will just not be able to compete with the cargo rates of Britain and the Continental countries.

TRUMAN has his bullet-proof rail-way carriage in a naval gun factory tonight.

After it has been remodelled he will set out in it for the battle of his life.

From its rear platform he will make the speeches which he hopes will win enough votes to keep him in the White House for four more years.

He is going to get right down to the common man. The gun factory is lowering the platform so that crowds will be sure to see him and the famous Truman gel.

FRIENDSHIP. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt says: "From someone who lives in London I hear that visiting Grosvenor-square (the site of the late President Roosevelt's statue) is one of the pleasantest things to do there. Not only because it is so carefully tended, but also because the people come reverently, and often leave little floral offerings. Gratitude for friendship warms the heart, and one senses gratitude in the crowds of Grosvenor-square."

BOOKS: What really interests Americans today may or may not be indicated by three of the leading titles chosen by the editors for a new 1s. 9d. series of pocket books—Ida B. Wells' "Cookery Book," "The Standard Bartenders' Guide," and Basil King's "The Conquest of Fear."

THEATRE: Gloria Swanson, who won silent screen stardom at 16, is trying for television stardom at

40... His screen "Macbeth" completed, Orson Welles may try Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar"; Gertrude Lawrence wants a London premiere of her next play before Broadway sees it... Hollywood wants to cast James Mason as Svengali, opposite Rita Hayworth's Trilby.

BEAUTY: While getting perms in a Boston beauty shop, women have a choice of several radio musical programmes through earphones. The tunes even drown out the hair-drier's noise.

SPORTS: One horse, Citation, has won £100,763 so far this year, to put Warren Wright's Calumet Farm far ahead of all other racing stables in total earnings—£104,032.

WARNING to British businessmen and householders given today by the conservative weekly United States News from Washington: "British living standards are higher than on the Continent. Really close economic ties with the Continent are sure. Marshall aid is only a four-year programme at best. Britain is not ready to gamble everything on it."

FIFTEEN MINUTES for tea morning and afternoon are among the slower English ways which link American stars now picture-making in London, reports correspondent Frederick Kuh.

PRICES ARE UP. There are pram parades in many cities. Grumbling mothers pitch their butchers, urging other housewives not to buy meat until prices fall. Grumbling butchers suggest housewives run their shops for a while "to give them a true picture of the so-called profits behind the meat counter."

PRICES ARE DOWN. And Government narcotic agents are alarmed. Heroin, £500 an ounce last year, is now £125. A six-ounce tin of smoking opium a year ago £250, is about half as much. The agents partly blame Palestine's war. Some "groups" (identity undisclosed) financed arms purchases with dope sales. Mostly America's supplies come from Mexico, where dopers operate with planes using 30 hidden flying strips.

TWO FIERY CROSSES flamed over a South Carolina church in which Negroes were being instructed how to vote. Nonetheless, for the first time since 1870, some 30,000 Negroes are going to the polls with their white fellow-citizens to choose South Carolina's (white) Senators and Congressmen.

IN AND OUT OF PARLIAMENT

By ERNEST THURLE, M.P.

A N Imperial development greatly to be welcomed—the linking up of ancient Newfoundland with Canada—will have the incidental effect of putting the Governor, Sir Gordon Macdonald, out of a job.

Sir Gordon was with us on the Labour benches in Parliament for a good many years.

An ex-miner, he sat for Ince, in Lancashire, until he took the job of Regional Controller under the Ministry of Fuel and Power, prior to his appointment to the governorship.

With a background like this he is hardly likely to be intimidated by Mr. Vishinsky at his most fearsome.

DARE to be a Daniel, dare to stand alone!

Norman Smith, my colleague who sits for Nottingham South, brings back to me that valiant motto of my youth, for he dares to stand forth as Parliament's one and only supporter of Social Credit, the doctrine which once set Alberta alight.

Usually a quiet member, and a very agreeable fellow, Norman is apt to sizzle on Social Credit.

Then from the heights of his Douglas wisdom he looks down on the rest of us as miserable economic sinners.

However, we are not disquieted. Norman has evidently seen a vision, and there is no real harm in his believing that what Alberta thought yesterday Britain will think tomorrow.

But at least let me warn him the time is not yet.

Chinese Govt. Fixes Interest Rates On Deposits & Loans

Nanking, Aug. 27.—The Chinese Government today fixed the maximum interest rates on bank deposits and loans at 10 percent monthly between September 1-16, and five percent monthly after September 16.

The Finance Ministry was empowered to level down the interest rate after that date to below normal rates described in section 205 of the civil code.

Possession Of Premises Sought

Seven actions for possession of premises in Halphong Road were brought by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., before Mr Justice Reynolds in the Summary Court this morning. Defendants, including a barber shop, are the present occupiers of the premises.

Mr P. A. L. Vine (Deacons) appeared for plaintiffs. He said the present proceedings were complementary to certain other proceedings taking place before the Tenancy Tribunal. The original Landlord and Tenant Proclamation of 1945 gave the Tribunals power to make an order for possession against persons not having bona-fide claims to possession. That power was withdrawn when the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance of 1947 came into force, but the Tribunals still retained their power in cases which were filed before the Ordinance was passed.

When the Godown Company came to make a check-up for the purposes of the proceedings before the Tribunal, they discovered the present defendants were also living in the premises, and that led to the present actions for possession.

Mr Vine asked the Court to hear the actions jointly, as the evidence of the plaintiffs in each case was similar, and it would save a great deal of the Court's time. He further asked that the defendants be requested to file statements of defence. It was perhaps unfortunate, Counsel remarked, that defendants had not seen fit or were without the means to employ legal assistance, but it would assist the plaintiffs greatly if they were aware of what the defence was.

His Lordship adjourned the hearing to September 7 to allow time for the defendants to prepare their case.

Argyle Street POWs Reunion

The first reunion dinner of Argyle Street prisoners of war was held on August 13 in the Church House Restaurant, near the Colonial Office, London, according to private information which has just reached Hongkong.

The function was attended by about 75 ex-POWs, with General Maitby presiding.

It was decided, during the evening, to make the reunion dinner an annual affair, and Captain Arthur Baker, 30 Museum Street, WC1, was elected hon. secretary. The dinner will be held every year on December 8, starting in 1949.

Amongst those who attended were Commander Blair Hickman, Lt-Cdr. Claud Miles, Commander Burton, Colonels Levitt, Penfold, Grose and Giles, Bobby Gear (formerly of Jardine's), A. B. Allen, Major Bob Templar, Capt. Cecil Taylor, Messrs Cobb, John Redmond, H. Benn, Jack Pott, Trapman, "Tiny" Wilson, Lane (Civil Secretary to the Commodore in 1941), Rossini, Cecil Gray (Flag-Lieut. to the Commodore in 1941), E. Cook (later of Kowloon Decks, who flew from the Channel Islands for the event), S/Ldr. Alf Bennett, Lieut. Hinderkoper (of the Dutch Navy, who flew from Holland to attend), Capt. Barker, Capt. Wood and T. C. Fairburn.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Commodore Collison, Lord Merthyr, Brigadier McLeod, Brigadier Potters and Colonel Simon White.

Death Of ASP W. Ritchie

Mr William Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent of Police, who recently went to the United Kingdom on leave, died on August 25 at St Mildred's Road, Lee, London, S.E. 12. He was Assistant Director of the Special Branch, Police Headquarters.

Born on October 24, 1900, the late Mr. Ritchie arrived in the Colony in 1922 joining the Hongkong Police as a constable. Six years later he was promoted to Sergeant and became Sub-Inspector in 1935. In 1942 he retired on pension but was recalled to duty in August, 1945 and returned to Hongkong. In January 1946 he was Acting Chief Inspector and reached the substantive post of Assistant Superintendent on February 1, 1947.

The late Mr. Ritchie is survived by his wife (who is in England), a son, aged 17, and a daughter, Glynne, who is 11.

Eat Nothing For Week



Three men of the Royal Marine Commando, Cliff Asselt Wing, St Ives, Cornwall, who spent a week in an open 18-foot assault boat two miles off the coast at St Ives, undergoing a rigorous endurance test. The three men, who were attended daily by a Medical Officer, to obtain medical data, were Lieutenant J. W. Potts (on right), in charge of the party, Marines D. Callaghan and C. J. Rawson. In this picture the Medical Officer is making his daily visit to the three men in their boat. The test was made in the cause of medical science and the only nourishment the men had in the seven days of voluntary starvation at sea, was a few sweets and twenty-four wine glasses of de-salinated water.

FRENCH BUDGETARY ECONOMIES

Paris, Aug. 26.—The French Premier, M. Andre Marie's, Coalition Government tonight approved a series of drastic budgetary economies, Reuter learned on good authority. A large part of the cuts fell on the military budget, it was learned.

The cuts, it was understood, were the first installation of the economic measures proposed by France's new Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud.

The measures were being studied tonight at a Government Council and a Council of Ministers under M. Vincent Auriol, the President of the Republic, was due to give them final approval tomorrow. It was understood.

It is planned by these measures to give France a healthy system of food supply while maintaining the prosperity of the farmers and allaying working class fears of a further rise in the cost of living.

The measures were studied at a Government Council attended by almost all Ministers, which began at 2 p.m. GMT and sat until 8 p.m. GMT.

FAMILY BUDGET

Political observers considered the issues involved could be defined as the budget of the State and the family budget of the lesser paid professional people, civil servants and small tradesmen in the big cities.

The Government, to stimulate agriculture, has granted higher prices for grain which, in the absence of a subsidy from the State, must result in dearer bread.

The Government Council tonight was expected to fix the new bread price for September 1 onwards. The bread ration is then to be raised from 250 grammes per person per day to 300 grammes and the quality improved.

The increase in price is expected to be around 10 francs a kilogramme.

The Government has promised the farmers a better price for milk—from 20 to 25 percent more—and too must hit family budgets. The Government has also temporarily given up control of wholesale meat prices on August 2 and since then retail prices have risen sharply.

Such facts have led trade union leaders to urge swift Government action to give more real purchasing power to the workers. The two main parties of Mr. Marie's Coalition Government have been seeking ways to ease the family budget.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS FILLED WITH WATER

"This is a very serious offence" said Mr. Cairns at the Marine Court this morning to the master of a motor junk, who had two instead of three fire extinguishers on board, and both had been filled with water instead of chemical.

"These things are put on board for the protection of lives and property," said Mr. Cairns, "and defendant just put water in them. With a gasoline engine there is always a risk of fire. I fine him \$200 or two months."

Defendant's boat had been stopped when leaving the Colony for Canton. He pleaded that the owner had instructed him to make another trip before replacing the fire extinguishers. He said that water was always put into the extinguishers before the chemical.

Also fined \$200 or two months was the master of the motor junk Cheung Tak, who had three instead of four fire extinguishers, and 28 lifebelts instead of 32. He pleaded that one appliance was broken and had been thrown away.

CEASE FIRE IN KASHMIR

Agreement Reached Says Report

New Delhi, Aug. 26.—Reliable but unofficial sources said tonight that the United Nations Indian-Pakistani Commission agreed to accept the Indian suggestions for a cease fire in Kashmir and holding of a plebiscite to decide to which dominion the mountain state will accede.

According to the sources, the Commission also agreed to India's demands that Pakistan troops and "intruders" be withdrawn before the cease fire is ordered. At the same time, the Commission is reported to have agreed to India's "right" to maintain Indian troops on Kashmir soil subject to the Commission's directives.

These sources said that the Commission and India also reached an agreement that Pakistan had no right to join the plebiscite administration.

While India and the Commission are reported to have reached agreement on all the proposals and conditions for a cease fire, Pakistan is still seeking elaboration and elucidation of the Commission's terms.

The Commission is visiting Karachi again on Saturday to effect an agreement with Pakistan on the issue.

MILITARY ADVISER NEEDED

These sources said that the Commission agreed to the Indian demands because its on the spot investigation of the Kashmir fighting convinced it that Pakistan is participating in a "war."

Meanwhile the Commission announced that it cabled Mr Trygve Lie at Lake Success "stressing the need for the appointment of a military adviser of the general rank to serve alongside the Commission."

The statement reiterated the Commission's request that Mr. Lie be ready to name on short notice, 40 military observers for service in Kashmir. It also considered the despatch of "several alternate delegates for an economic survey of the state of Jammu, Kashmir."

Unofficial reports said that the plebiscite would probably be held on a regional basis—the state would be divided into five zones of Ajj, Mirpur, Poonch, Kashmir Valley, Gilgit and Ladakh.—United Press.

WITCHCRAFT MURDER

Maseru, Basutoland, Aug. 26.—An African tribal chieftainess and 12 Africans were sentenced to death here today for the witchcraft murder of an adult African on January 17.

Evidence was given that after a marriage feast the chieftainess instructed that a man be killed because she wanted medicine in order to place her son as chief.

The chieftainess, it was alleged, warned those present that anyone who disobeyed would also be killed.

An African who arrived at the feast was then seized on the chieftainess' instructions. He was undressed and flesh was cut from his leg, head, breast, arm and face and the blood collected in a billy can, the prosecution alleged.

His throat was cut and his tongue taken out, the prosecution added.

The chieftainess, it was stated, then thanked the assembled guests for killing the African and warned them not to report the matter. The body of the dead man was later thrown into a ravine.

The twelve accused with the chieftainess were all men.—Reuter.

DEMONSTRATION IN BERLIN

(Continued from Page 1)

Herr Otto Suhr, Chairman of the City Assembly, told the demonstrators "I shall never call a meeting of the Assembly under threat from a mob." He appealed to the occupation powers to create a neutral zone in Berlin to enable the City authorities to work unhampered.

Herr Neumann ended the counter-demonstration with the words: "It is of no use to take of democracy in Moscow. The Western Allies must create a situation in Berlin which will enable Berliners to work in freedom."

After dispersing, some hundreds of the demonstrators took a short cut over the Tiergarten to their homes, streaming across the vast Russian memorial erected in 1945 a few hundred feet from the Reichstag building.

Soviet Army guards at the memorial remained stiffly at attention as the men, women and children, streamed by them.—Reuter.

AGA KHAN UNWELL

Nairobi, Aug. 26.—The Aga Khan has cancelled all further engagements in East Africa for health reasons. He arrived here on Saturday from Zanzibar where he had been suffering from a chill.

The Aga Khan will leave for Europe by air this weekend.

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CRICKET

Gentlemen Of England Need A Miracle

Lords, London, Aug. 26.—The Gentlemen of England put up good resistance to the Australian bowling here today and were 237 for nine wickets at the close of play in reply to Australia's 610 for 5 declared.

Only a miracle can prevent them from following on tomorrow and defeat seems certain, but they have not been beaten in two days as was thought likely at one time.

Don Bradman surprisingly did not declare at the overnight score, but batted until lunch today, and Lindsay Hassett proceeded to score 200 not out. This took him five and a quarter hours, and included 18 fours.

Simpson and Edrich gave the Gentlemen an encouraging start and there were some bright patches in the rest of the Gentlemen's innings, although they were fighting a losing battle. Simpson hit a very round 40 before being caught.

Brown and Griffith, who have so far added 23, batted doggedly to prevent the last wicket falling tonight.

A good opening stand appeared likely when Simpson and Edrich passed the 50 confidently. Lind-

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County Cricket

London, Aug. 26.—County teams generally found conditions good for batting today and some sound performances were accomplished even though Yorkshire finished off their match with a victory against Hampshire inside two days.

Even here, the Hampshire tail-enders proved difficult to dislodge. Bailey and Herman, in particular, batted well to each hit several boundaries.

Yorkshire were set to score 113 if they were to win today and they did this in 105 minutes, Hutton claiming 70, including eight fours.

John Langridge, Sussex, claimed 100 out of 210, but the best batting feat belonged to Essex, for whom Avery and Hornsall broke the County's fourth wicket record of 271 by hitting 200.

T. N. Pearce, the Essex captain, who set the record with Jack O'Connor 17 years ago, saw the record go. Avery scored 214 not out in six and a half hours with 22 fours, while Hornsall's 122 included nine boundaries and occupied four hours.

One outstanding bowling feat was McMahon's eight for 46 with his left-arm spinners for Surrey.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

The close of play scores were: At Hove: Nottinghamshire 398 (Sims 170 not out); Sussex 218 (John Langridge 108 not out).

At Bournemouth: Yorkshire beat Hampshire by 10 wickets. Hants 71 and 176; Yorkshire 135 and 114 for no wicket (Hutton 70 not out).

At Gloucester: Combined Services 223 and 290 for 7 (Manners 117); Gloucestershire 234 (Wilcox 52; Graveney 89, Shireff 6 for 68).

At Clinton: Worcestershire 207 and 10 for 3; Essex 422 for 6 declared (Gray 92, Avery 214 not out, Hornsall 122).

At Manchester: Kent 195 and 81 for 3; Lancashire 278 for 8 declared (Ikin 72, Cranston 82).

At Leicester: Leicestershire 207 and 36 for 2; Warwickshire 413 for 9 declared (Maudslay 90, Wolton 62, Grove 104 not out).

At Kentington Oval: Surrey 171 and 296 (Constable 73, Alec Bedser 63 not out); Northamptonshire 175 (McMahon 8 for 46).—Reuter.

Shanghai's Bowls Team

Shanghai, Aug. 26.—Shanghai tonight chose the following Interport bowlers:

First game, September 12.—R. S. Duff, D. MacCallum, Peanut Marshall, F. O. Madine (skip).

Second game, September 15.—J. A. Rocha, C. L. Paseo, C. A. Danenberg, A. M. Souza (skip).

Third game, September 18.—A. MacLean, W. Hall, H. A. Ozorio, E. A. Souza (skip).

The teams were chosen after a trial match between three rinks of probabilities and possibilities, with at least half the players chosen from the form they displayed yesterday.

Two old interporters, C. M. Sequeira and Tony Gutierrez, have been named as reserves.—Reuter.

OPEN SINGLES

Results of the Lawn Bowls Open Singles matches played yesterday were:

A. A. Lopes beat L. G. Coombes 21-10; A. J. Coelho beat A. E. Condes 22-20; W. C. Ogle beat U. A. Rumjahn 22-17.

REFEREES' CLASSES

Football referees' classes will be held at the Association's office, 211 Prince's Building (2nd floor) twice a week, namely Tuesday and Thursday from 5.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., over a four-week period commencing on Thursday, September 2, 1948.

WOODCOCK'S NEXT FIGHT

London, Aug. 26.—The British fight promoter, Jack Solomons, announced today that Lee Oma, 31-year-old American heavyweight, will fight British heavyweight champion Bruce Woodcock at Harringay arena on September 21.

It will be Bruce's first contest since he was crushed by American Joe Baskel at Harringay in April 1947.

Bruce Woodcock since then has had a lot of hospital and medical treatment for a broken jaw and a damaged eye.

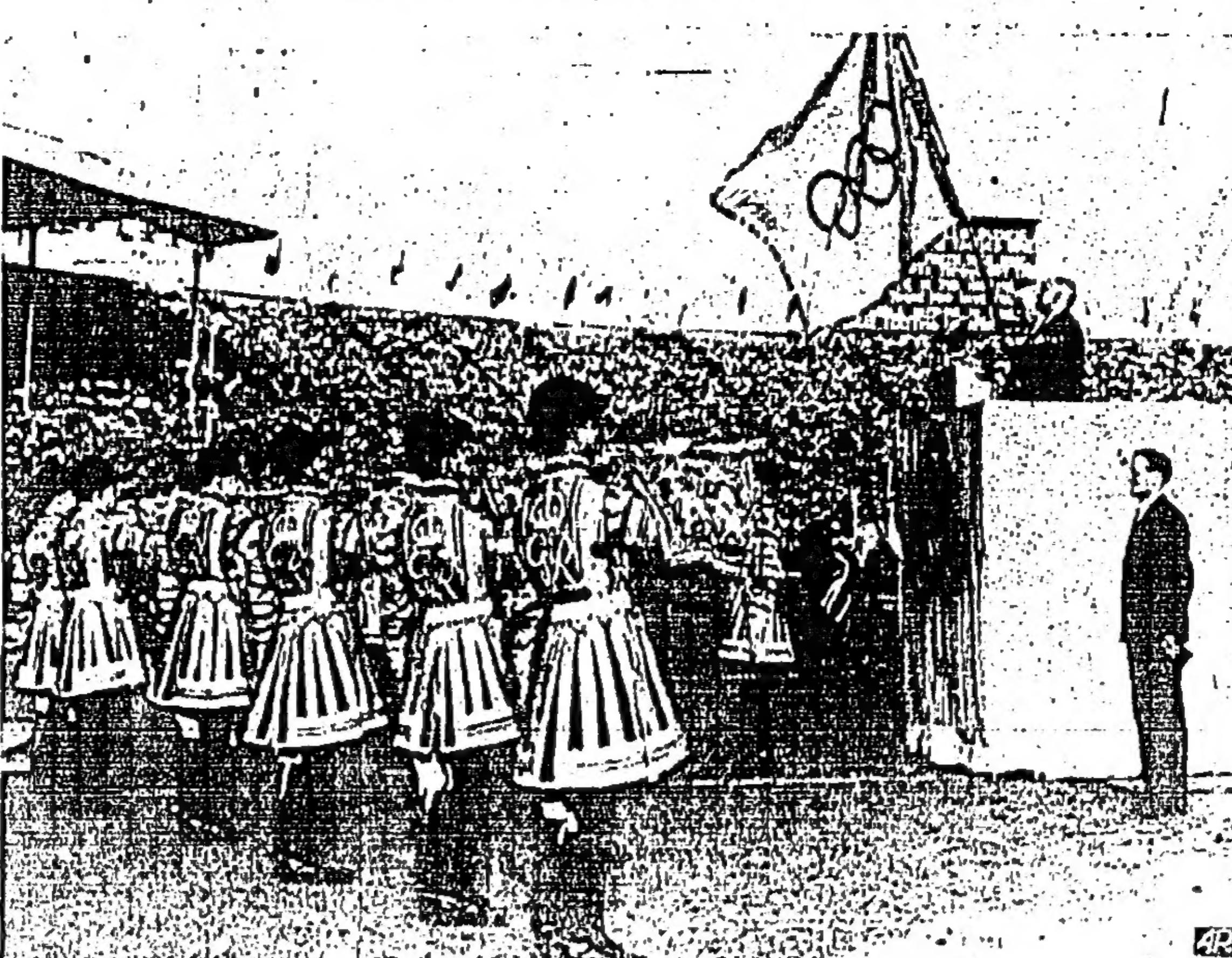
Mr. Solomons said: "Oma would box Woodcock on a strictly percentage basis. This means he will probably get £12,000, the amount paid to Baskel and Gus Lesnevich for Harringay sell-out fights."

Lee Oma is scheduled to arrive by plane on September 6. He will train in Solomons' West End gymnasium.

Tom Hurst, Woodcock's manager, said Bruce will be better than ever after his enforced layoff. The British heavyweight champion is down to 100 pounds," said Hurst and will be near his old fighting weight of 183 pounds by the day of the fight.

"You will see a new Woodcock. He has regained all his confidence and will surprise everybody," Hurst said. —Associated Press.

THE XIV OLYMPIAD CLOSES



Sir Frederick Wells, Lord Mayor of London, holds the Olympic Flag as the State trumpeters blare the official end of the Fourteenth Modern Olympic games in Wembley Stadium in London.

At Wells' right is J. Sigfrid Edstrom, president of the International Olympic Committee. Right foreground is Lord Burghley, chairman of the Olympic organising committee. —AP Wirephoto.

CANDID OLYMPIC 'INQUEST' —BY HAROLD PALMER

We are 'Champion Runners-Up'

Britain's gamble in staging the 1948 Olympic Games has had one pleasant result. As the full cast crowds the Wembley stage for the ceremonial of the close of the Games today, we can reflect that in organisation and performance Britain has put on a good show.

Our organisers did a grand job. They housed, fed, transported and entertained some 5,000 competitors and officials in a way that brought only the most casual of complaints.

Perhaps the least we can say is that the way the Games have been conducted here did much to foster the true Olympic spirit. Only the boxing produced any untoward incidents, and they through no fault of our officials.

Now for the performance of our athletes.

I suppose it is difficult to make reasonable comparisons between 1948 and 1936, but in Berlin we had four firsts. This time we have had three.

SIX SECONDS

At Wembley we had two successes in the athletics. Harold Whittlock won the 50 kilometres walk, and our team won the 1600 metres relay. We also had three seconds.

Ideal Handicap?

Dublin, Aug. 26.—Olympic champion Fanny Blankers-Koen equalled her world sprint record for the 100 yards, returning 10.8 seconds from scratch to beat Dorothy Manley. —Reuter.

Los Angeles, Aug. 26.—Army Lieutenant Glenn Davis yesterday set a world record of 10.8 seconds for the 100 yard dash in full football equipment and carrying a football. —Associated Press.

This time we had no fewer than six seconds and one third.

The lesson is that we missed titles through lack of attention to details, and here and there through inadequate preparation. It is easy enough to conjure up excuses, reasonable ones, too, but I prefer the overall picture of useful talent making a brave show, doing more than was thought possible.

The running men did better than in Berlin, with two firsts instead of one. Our amateurs of soccer put us in a great fight.

Our hockey team did well to get to the final. We had three seconds in the cycling. In fact, there was one title Britain won—that of champion runners-up.

The swimmers were a little disappointing; the yachtsmen pleased up to one title, as they did in Berlin.

The manager of the British athletics team, Mr. Jack Crump, is most insistent that inadequate feeding has handicapped British competitors more than anything else. He says he noticed how the athletes lost their pep in the strain of competition took toll of their limited store of nervous energy.

Olympic food parcels had more moral than dietary value. If our athletes had been as well fed in the last eight or nine years as so many of their rivals we should not have seen our best-fenced men and women just failing.

PATERSON JUST FAILED.

Alan Paterson, from Glasgow, just could not produce his best high jump on the big occasion. His British record is 10 ft. 7 1/2 in. Yet he could not stop Australian John Winter getting away with the Olympic title at 10 ft. 6 in. And only two days later he was again doing 10 ft. 7 in. in practice.

Jack Holden, our marathon hope, had to retire with blisters on his feet. You would have thought that

with all his experience he would have avoided that trouble.

ONE MORE LAP

Even so, Tom Richards, the Mitcham male nurse, might have won if he had been told he had a chance. "If I had been running in a foreign country, I could not have got less information," he told me.

When he entered the stadium he thought he was lying fourth. Had he known how near he was to winning, he could have made a greater effort. "One more lap and I would have caught the winner," he says.

TEA PREFERRED

A Wembley reporter writes: The Games will probably go down in history as one of the "driest" on record, so far as the drinking habits of the spectators are concerned.

Mr. A. Golby, catering manager at Wembley, said today: "I have never known anything like it."

He had estimated that he would sell about 100,000 dozen bottles of beer during the fortnight. Actually the total will be only about 10,000 dozen.

Seven thousand dozen bottles of mineral waters were sold on three heat-wave days.

TASTES CHANGED

Then came the rain and storms. The public's tastes changed from minerals to hot drinks, with the result that, when the Games end tonight, an estimated 200,000 cups of tea will have been drunk.

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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Double Holds Good With Hand Change

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

NO readers, you are not seeing double when you look at today's hand. There are two kings of spades and two kings of hearts, and other duplications. This is a situation that happens once in a while in tournament bridge. This one came up in Cincinnati. O, at the Midwest regional championships tournament.

Frank Welsbach, of Cincinnati, who with Allen Harvey of Louisville, Ky., won the world championship masters pair event last summer, was the victim of the situation. In duplicate bridge the hands are dealt out on the first round and placed in duplicate boards. What happened here was that the North, West and South players took their cards from board No. 1, while Welsbach in the East took his by mistake from board No. 2.

When the dummy went down, Welsbach saw that South had the Jack of hearts, the ten of diamonds



Check Your Knowledge

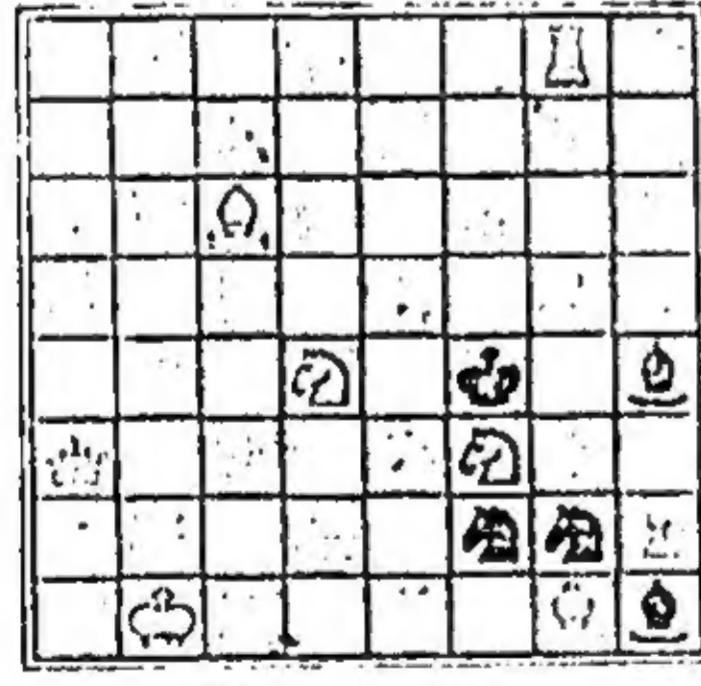
- When was the gutta percha golf ball introduced?
- What part of Africa is the home of the true native Africans, the negroes?
- What city is sometimes called the "Paris of the Balkans"?
- Name the king of England who came from the Netherlands.
- Name the two states in the United States that are peninsulas.
- What city has been noted as the world's centre for diamond cutting?

Answers on Column 5

CHESS PROBLEM

By P. H. BARRON

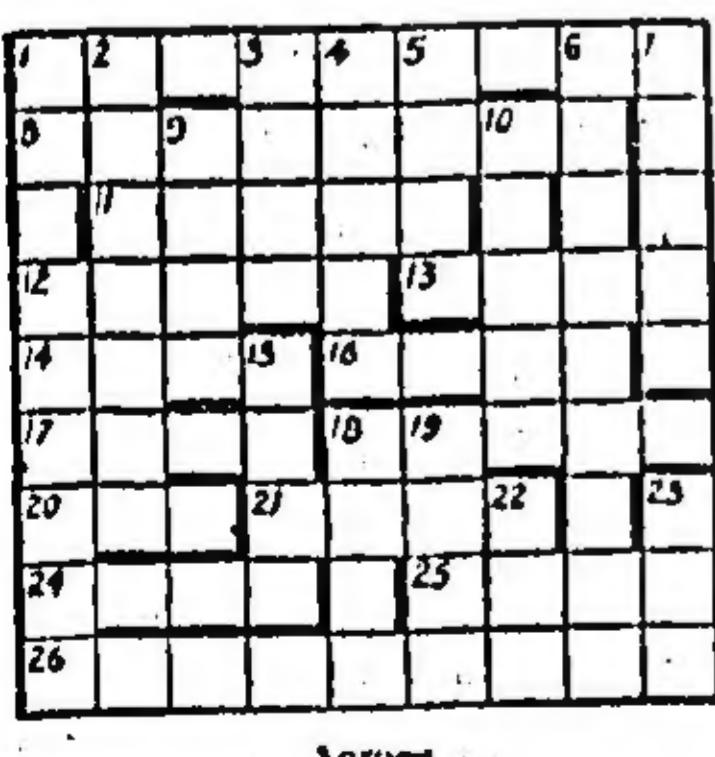
Black, 5 pieces.



Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R-K11; 1... P-K14; 2. R-K16; 1... B-Q1; 2. B-R2 (Castling); 1... P-B7; 2. R-K8.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



1. Structure, (9)
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EXCLUSIVE 'TELEGRAPH' FEATURE
YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

BORN today, you are one of the industrious workers of the world. Given a task to do, you will plough through it with energy and dispatch and then look up for more. You have an excellent memory and a tremendous fund of energy upon which you can call at very short notice. Just make sure you don't count too heavily on times upon this gift and wait until the last moment to start a job.

You men and women may differ quite widely in the expression of basic characteristics, you women putting on much energy into a social event as a man would in some gigantic business enterprise. This tendency in the fair sex can be overdone, for it seems to a pity to waste a good alert brain on social flippancies when it might be used for something much more significant. At least, combine your efforts with some charitable & benevolent campaign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Another opportunity day. Examine all that is offered carefully, and don't overlook something really good.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Romance is very good, this can be an outstanding week-end for your activities if you work things right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Exterior influences may not appear as beneficial as recently, but if you proceed cautiously, you are to be successful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—Average affairs proceed normally but if presented with a very important decision, take your time with it.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Everything having to do with land, building and real estate and the like appears to be especially active.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Some improvement over yesterday is indicated, but your best judgment suggests continued postponement of a decision.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Inspiration is running high today. A new idea if your profession is writing, should prove to be a good one.

SCIENCE AT WORK:

COAL PROCESSING PLANT
IMPORTANT TO FRANCE

By GEORGE DYSLIN

AN experimental coal processing plant now being built in Chien-ko may help to solve the metallurgical coke problem of France.

The pilot-plant, subsidised by the state of Illinois, is designed to process one ton of soft coal per hour. From the coal, engineers expect to get combustible gases, powdered fuel, liquid fuel for diesel engines and char. Upon the expected success of the pilot plant, plants able to handle hundreds of tons per hour probably will be built.

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Intellectuals Hear Soviet Tirade Against U.S.

PREPARING BARBARIC WAR

Warsaw, Aug. 26.—Russian delegate Ilyin Ehrenburg told the World Congress of Intellectuals today that the Americans are preparing for a "barbaric war."

The Congress was called to map world peace. The second consecutive day heard attacks against the United States and her culture. Spearheaded by Ehrenburg these were supported by sympathizers from France, Italy and Brazil.

Ehrenburg labelled Americans as representing everything from bourgeois barbarism to savages. His voice raised almost to a shout Ehrenburg went on assailing the United States despite the warning that such talk hindered peace.

Korean Army To Be Increased

More U.S. Advisers

Seoul, Aug. 26.—Reliable sources said today that the size of the Korean Constabulary, now estimated at about 50,000 men, will be increased, and said the American advisers to the Constabulary will remain after the occupation troops have left.

The sources said more American advisers are being recruited and it is reported they are promised they can bring their families over within three months.

As the Korean Constabulary forces—really the Korean army—are being increased, they are getting equipment in the form of field artillery as well as men. A Korean Constabulary officers' candidate school has been started and is graduating officers every three months.

RESERVE FORCE

A reserve force equal to the regular force of 50,000 is being recruited to train at periodic times when the regular force will turn over equipment to them and act as trainers.

At the send-off meeting for Lt.-Gen John R. Hodges, who is leaving the Soviet Union, August 27, Dr. Symanth Rhee, President of the newly formed Republic of Korea, Mrs. Pak Yun-suk, who is General-Secretary of the Women's Democratic Party, and Dr. P. O. Chough, who is special envoy to foreign countries, praised Gen Hodges' administration.

Dr Chough, calling Gen Hodges a "Scoulter-statesman," said the general will leave a deep impression on the people of Korea.

Mr. John J. Muccio, United States Ambassador to Korea, also spoke, expressing the hope that "we will see as much progress in the next three years as we have seen in the past three years."

Mr. Lee Bum-suk, Prime Minister, and several others presented the departing general with souvenirs.

SOVIET FOOD PRICES DOWN

London, Aug. 26.—Radio Moscow claimed tonight that food prices have shown a sharp drop in the Soviet Union in contrast to the trend in America and other countries.

The broadcast said that milk dropped 25 percent since July on the collective farm market. Potatoes are selling for half of the July price and cabbage has fallen by 25 percent. The price of meat, according to the broadcast, is 30 to 40 percent less.

During the past six months 198 new markets were reported to have been established in Russian federation towns and are equipped with refrigerators and test stations.

The broadcast said that in America, meanwhile, prices of meat trebled during the past two years.—United Press.

Russian Trawlers Off Malta

London, August 26.—The Admiralty revealed today that five unarmed Russian trawlers have been observed around Malta.

The Admiralty said that the trawlers have been in the vicinity of Malta "for quite a while."

The trawlers, the Admiralty said, have been "scooting around" doing nothing, in particular.—United Press.

Italy's Reservation

Rome, Aug. 26.—The Italian Government has informed the Secretariat of the Danube Conference in Belgrade that Italy reserves all her rights as a signatory to the Danube Convention of 1921.

This follows the action of the Eastern Bloc majority at the recent Danube Conference in accepting the Soviet draft of a new Convention, excluding states through which the river does not flow from the future Danube Commission.

The Western powers refused to recognize the new Convention.—Reuter.

Helicopter's Speed Record



Bao Dai's Promise

Will Back Aspirations Of Vietnam People

Paris, Aug. 26.—The ex-Emperor of Annam, Bao Dai, has sent telegram to General Nguyen Van Xuan, head of the Provisional Central Vietnam Government in Indo-China, in which he promises to support the aspirations of the Vietnam people at the forthcoming Franco-Vietnam talks, it was announced today.

He declared that Americans, distinguishing their real intentions toward France, "know how to use smoke but a mask can be torn from the face of those who are preparing for a barbaric war," he added, "and talking about the defence of western culture."

SNEERS AT CULTURE

Ehrenburg said that American culture was being defended with the aid of friends in France with the Nazis, with Neo-Fascists in Italy who tried to kill Togliatti, with Greeks, with "lynchings" from Mississippi and with evolution savages from Tennessee."

EQUALITY OF RIGHTS

The telegram added: "I consider that only a free and loyal association with a perfect equality of rights and duties between Vietnam and France can in the present international situation, revivify Franco-Vietnam friendship and bring back order, peace and prosperity to Indo-China."

Bao Dai concluded: "I give you again the assurance of my entire support for the realisation of the legitimate aspirations of the Vietnam people in the approaching Franco-Vietnam conversation."

Ehrenburg said that western culture was simply borrowed culture.

He pictured the Soviet Union as the criterion for world culture. He attacked "aggressive obscurists who today base America," and he assured what he called the purge of Hollywood writers. He described the House Committee on un-American activities as "of the Goebbels variety."

Ehrenburg admitted that there were some good people in America. But these he said had no chance under men who rule America and under "the savagery of southern plantations."

He attacked the U.S. for sending to Europe "gangster films and opium paper backslaps and opium to Europe to sleep in order to live it up." Ehrenburg declared "Americans want to destroy the individual features of all countries under their heel. They want to re-educate Paris, London and Rome. The much talked of United States of Europe is nothing but a trade union of flunkies."—Associated Press.

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Disease Stalks Indonesia

Lake Success, Aug. 26.—The Netherlands Government reported to the United Nations today a marked increase in malaria, plague, typhoid, dysentery and smallpox in Indonesia and said the "health of the entire population is gravely threatened."

The report said the deterioration in health was due to the Japanese occupation, lack of housing and water systems and of a safe water supply.

The report outlined the steps being taken, but said the "restoration of the pre-war level of public health alone will take many years."

Associated Press.

SHIP ASKS FOR ASSISTANCE

London, Aug. 26.—The 3,868-ton Norwegian motor vessel Estrella of Bergen today appealed for the assistance of a tug after she had been grounded near Gibraltar, according to a Lloyd's shipping message received here.

The Estrella was on a voyage from Philadelphia to Tunis. A later message said the vessel was refloated by her own power and was proceeding to Oran.—Reuter.

Monks To Harvest Palestine No-Man's-Land

Haifa, Aug. 26.—Five Trappist monks, wearing white aprons to clearly distinguish them and the inhabitants of an Arab village, are to be allowed to harvest their crops in the no-man's-land between the Arabs and Jews in Palestine.

The suggestion, made by the United Nations truce observers, has been agreed on by both Arabs and Jews. The monks are allowed to work in their vegetable gardens and harvest their olive crop and the Arabs from Deir Ayub, also in the disputed zone, will work up to a line still to be determined by the Israeli authorities.

While reports of increasing hostilities in Jerusalem were coming into Haifa today from the United Nations observers in the Holy City, the Central Truce Supervision Board met here to discuss the general situation.

In Jerusalem and the Latrun pump explosion incident.

(The Latrun pumping station, which supplies Jerusalem with its water, was blown up earlier this month allegedly by Arabs soon after the United Nations truce officials had taken it over to protect the water supply.)

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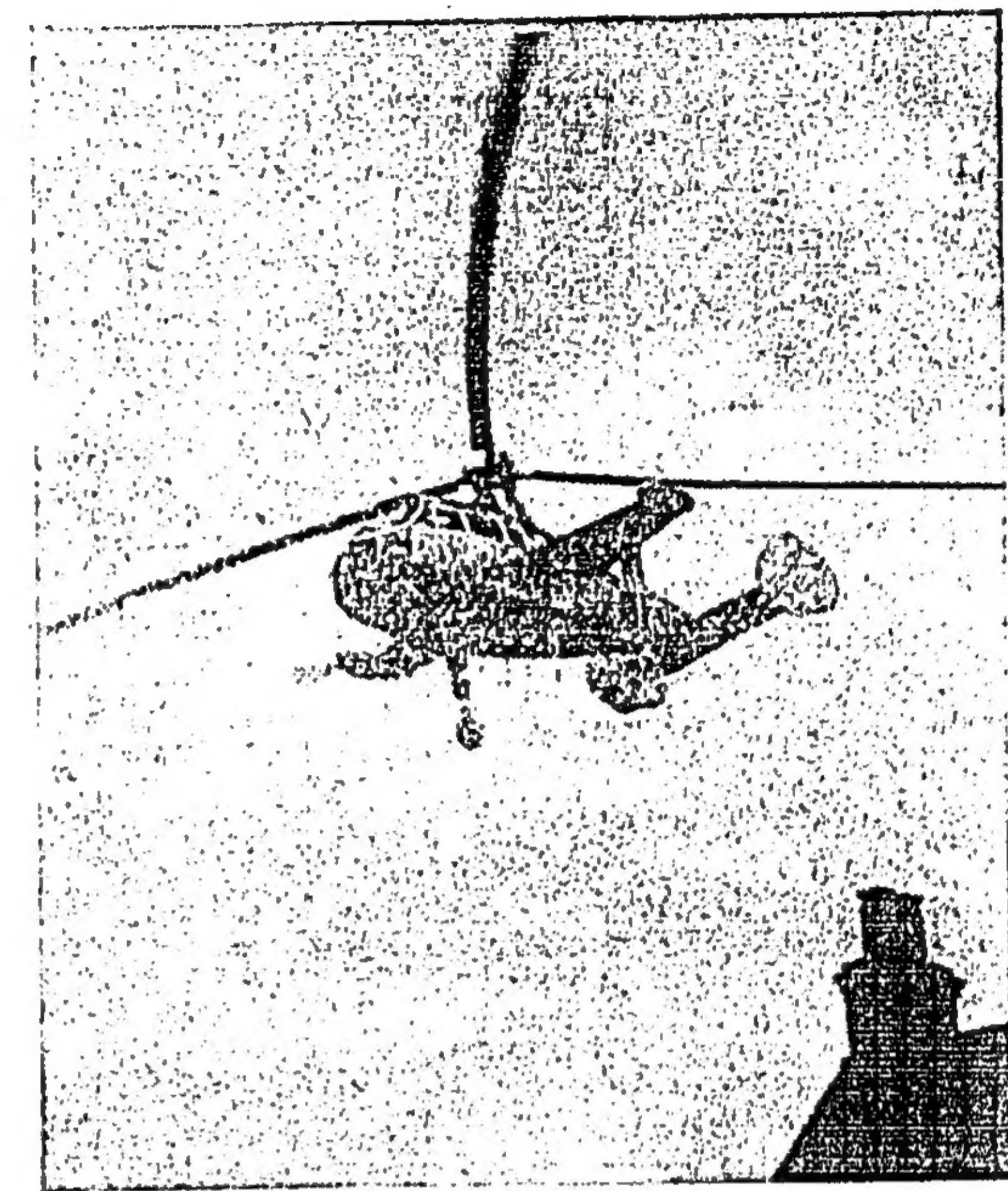
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A new world air speed record of 124.3 miles per hour has been set up by the Fairey "Gyrodyne" helicopter at White Waltham, Berkshire, airfield. Combining the features of a helicopter and an autogyro, and fitted with an air screw on a stub wing on the starboard side, the "Gyrodyne" beat the previous unofficial record of 114.6 miles per hour set up in America last year.

These pictures show the record-breaking "Gyrodyne" in flight, and (left to right) Squadron Leader B. Arkell, the pilot, Major R. H. Mayo, steward of the Royal Aero Club, and Colonel R. L. Preston, General Secretary of the Royal Aero Club, holding the barograph which was used for the height recording during the flight of the machine.

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

Pressure On Lab. Govt. To Take Some Action

London, Aug. 26.—The British Labour Government was subjected to strong public pressure to act as well as to talk about the European Federation.

The British Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee wants to postpone any Governmental action in this field and leave the subject at the moment to private organisations to "discuss."

But the growing numbers of the daily press in Britain as well as in other countries of Western Europe are demanding action now. Mr Winston Churchill is spearheading the campaign in this country to get Britain to assume leadership which Mr Attlee obviously wants to avoid.

Mr Attlee's latest reason for postponing action is that he wants to consult the Commonwealth countries first at the October conference here.

DAILY MAIL'S DEMAND

But even empire-minded Daily Mail, under whose masthead are the words "For King and Commonwealth," demanded action on a Western European union that is more than words.

The Daily Mail said: "It seems to us that some assembly is essential if the Western Union is to be made a reality." Referring to the Churchill-Attlee correspondence on the question of a European assembly which Mr Churchill made public, the Daily Mail charged Mr Attlee with using the "Commonwealth consultations as a new excuse for doing nothing."

The Manchester Guardian also suggested action and warned against allowing the European association already planned under the Marshall plan and the Western Union of becoming "just another group of parades."

The London Times expressed much the same kind of caution as the Attlee warning against practicability of doing much at this stage in a political

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JAPAN'S LEVEL OF INDUSTRY PROBLEM

Washington, Aug. 26.—A usually reliable diplomatic source said today that at the next meeting of the Far Eastern Commission in September, FEC members probably will try to find out just what the situation is as regards fixing a level of industry for Japan.

The source said that for about six months, the United States State Department has not been able to suggest to the FEC to what level it thinks Japan should be allowed to restore its industry. He said the reason for this may be the differences between the United States Army, which is bypassing the Commission in the future administration of Japan as reported in some places.

The source said, however, there is some indication that if the Army desired, it could do that. Two reports bring this out.

1. The Clifford Strike report composed by a group of civil engineers under contract to the Army who visited Japan and recommended the changing of certain decisions made by the Far Eastern Commission.

2. There is also the recent Johnston Committee, of which the European Cooperation Administration, Mr Paul Hoffman, was a member, whose recommendations, if put into effect, would result in the bypassing of certain FEC decisions.

AUSTRALIAN POLICY

The source said that obviously the United States Army would be more willing to bypass the FEC than the State Department because the latter's job is international cooperation.

He said the Australian policy in this connection has not varied and Australia will continue to insist that decisions in regard to Japan must continue to be an Allied responsibility.

Army sources said, meanwhile, that the FEC issued a statement of policy on Japanese industry levels under the date of January 23, 1947. The statement said Japan's peaceful needs would be determined so the 1950 standard of living of the Japanese should be the same as in the period of 1930-34.

The sources added, however, that the statement specifically said it should not be interpreted as setting the level of any particular industry at the 1930-34 level. They said although various groups made studies and made highly urgent recommendations as to the levels of Japanese industries, the Army as yet has not made any recommendations as to policy.—United Press.

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